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Subject: Re: TASC Slide
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Luis - Hmm, this is not my memory of how we left things at our July 9th meeting. My memory, although it might be faulty was the following:

1. We were not going to introduce a TASC slide in the EPA PPT presentation for our July 15 meeting. However, you were going to send me advice for "talking points" in case I got a question regarding what is EPA going to do about TASC at SSFL.
2. My memory of what we discussed on July 9th regarding EPA's position on this issue was the following:
 - TASC provides an independent environmental professional to address technical assistance needs, such as understanding EPA's work at a site ;
 - EPA has offered TASC services for the SSFL site and is evaluating community feedback on the program based on the May 26th Information Session in Chatsworth.
 - Prior to moving forward with next steps concerning providing TASC services at SSFL, EPA suggests that the various SSFL community groups/individuals interested in TASC, develop a statement of common interests and topics for a TASC consultant to address.
 - Upon receiving a statement of common interests/topics, EPA will then facilitate the process for the community to acquire TASC expertise in a manner acceptable to all parties.

Maybe I wasn't listening well, I do not remember agreeing that EPA would organize yet another meeting to try to get these groups together and agree on a list of common interests. I think this burden should be placed on the community groups to figure this out. That is what was done at the site in R3. At some point, these groups have to figure out a way to get along well enough to identify a list of common topics on their own in order to qualify for TASC services. Sorry if I misunderstood the direction of our meeting. Have you been able to discuss this issue directly with Karen Martin?

At the July 15th meeting, I will try to convey the importance of identifying "common interests". I will punt/avoid how the community arrives on this list until we have a chance to meet again next week when I get back in the office.

Thanks,
Craig

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Hi Craig-

One slide:

TASC UPDATE

- TASC provides an independent environmental professional to address technical assistance needs, such as understanding EPA's work at a site
- EPA has offered TASC services and is evaluating community feedback on the program
- EPA proposes, as a next step, a facilitated scoping meeting to identify common interests for technical assistance and development of a work plan

Thanks,

Luis

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